Programme at Patratu, Barauni and Karbhigaiya, reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses, effective load management and energy conservation etc. Assistance is also made available to Bihar from the neighbouring systems of Eastern Region and Northern Region whenever system conditions are conducive to such transfer.

MR CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Expansion of Temple Bay Hotel at Mahabilipuram

*186. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI PASUMPON THA. KIRUTTINAN :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether I.T.D.C. has submitted any proposal to Government for the expansion of the Temple Bay Hotel at Mahabalipuram; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) ITDC's Annual Plan 1992-93 does not include any provision for expansion of the Temple Bay Ashok Beach Resort at Mahabilipuram.

Procurement of Natural Rubber from Kerala Market

*187. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to discontinue the procurement of natural rubber from Kerala Market and;

(b) what steps are being contemplated by Government to relieve the difficulties of the rubber growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to discontinue procurement of RMA-4 and RMA-5 grades by the State Trading Corporation till such time as the market price reaches the desired level as envisaged under the Buffer Stocking Scheme.

The Buffer Stocking Scheme for natural rubber is already under operation for relieving the difficulties of the rubber growers.

Development of Chitrakoot as a Tourist Resort

*188. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 32 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th February, 1992 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ChitrRkoot has potential to be developed as an Inter-State tourist resort; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by the Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Department of Tourism extends financial assistance to the State Governments on specific projects/schemes based on their merit, availability of funds and *inter-se* priorities.

However, in order to further exploit the tourism potential of Chitrakoot, the Central Department of Tourism have informed the State Government of Uttar Pradesh that they would consider extending financial assistance for construction of a Yatri Niwas, provided project proposal alongwith detaded estimates are sent by the State Government.

Fixing of a Limit on Borrowings

*189. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREMJI KENIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal under consideration of Government to fix a ceiling on external and internal borrowings;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHEMa) to (c) The fiscal deficit, which takes into account all borrowing in a financial year and is indicated in the Budget documents, acts as a ceiling on Government's overall borrowings. Government is committed to reduce the fiscal deficit to a manageable level.

Corrosion in A-310 and A-320 Aircraft

*I90. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN:
SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that heavy corrosion has, recently, been found in four A-310 aircrafts with Air India and a number of A-320 aircrafts with Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, what is the number of such A-320 aircraft;

(c) whether the matter has been taken up by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation with its French counterpart and with the manufacturers;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether any compensation has been demanded; and

(f) if so, what are the details threof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Corrosion was noticed on A-310 aircraft. No corrosion has been noticed on A-320 aircraft.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The investigations revealed that the corrosion was intergranular/ exfoliation on the horizontal pressure panel.

(c) and (f) Air India has taken up the matter with Airbus Industry. The exact amount of compensation is being worked out.

भारतीय व्यापार मेला प्राधिकरण के अन्तर्गत अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के व्यक्तियों को दुकान, कियॉस्क और रेस्तरां का आवंटन

*191. श्रीमती सत्या बहिन: क्या वाणिज्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) भारतीय व्यापार मेला प्राधिकरण के कुल कितनी दुकानें, कियॉस्क और रेस्तरां चल रहे हैं और उनके आवंटन की प्रक्रिया क्या है;

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति के व्यक्तियों को ऐसी कितनी दुकानें, कियॉस्क रेस्तरां आवंटित किये गये हैं;

(ग) यदि इस प्रकार का आवंटन नहीं किया गया है, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं, और

(घ) इस प्रकार का आवंटन करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये जा रहे हैं?

वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी॰ चिदम्बरम): (क) से (घ) ट्रेड फेयर आथारिटी आफ इंडिया, जिसे अब इंडिया ट्रेड प्रोमोशन आर्गनाइजेशन (आ॰टी॰पी॰ओ॰) नाम दिया गया है, के अन्तर्गत 27 जुलाई, 13 कियास्क और 6 रेस्तरां चल रहे हैं। दुकानों/कियॉस्क/रेस्तरां के आवंटन के लिए अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति के लोगों के लिए आरक्षण की कोई व्यवस्था नहीं है। पिछले तीन वर्षों से अब तक टी.एफ.ए.आई. ने दुकानों के संबंध में कोई आवंटन नहीं किया है। जहां तक पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान कियॉस्क/रेस्तरां के आवंटन का संबंध है, चूंकि यह एक व्यावसायिक कार्य है इसलिए टी.एफ.ए.आई. ने समाचार पत्रों में विज्ञापन निकालकर आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किए और भोजन प्रबंध तथा खाद्य पदार्थों की बिक्री के संबंध में उनके पूर्व ज्ञान एवं अनुभव के आधार पर आवंटन किए।

Privatisation of I.T.D.C.

*192. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 4 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th February, 1992 and state:

(a) what are the names of the I.T.D.C. hotels which are proposed to be privatised;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a